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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE REFUGEE SITUATION

1. SUMMARY: REPRESENTATIVE OF UNHCR DISCUSSES HIS JUST COMPLETED STUDY OF MOZAMBIQUE REFUGEES. SOME ARE STILL OUTSIDE MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHERS HAVE ALREADY RETURNED HOME. THERE ARE ALSO REFUGEES FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE. UNHCR IS PLANNING LAUNCH AN INTERNATIONAL APPEAL FOR A \$10,000,000 SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR MOZAMBIQUE. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO RESETTLE REPATRIATED REFUGEES AND TO ASSIST SOME ONE MILLION INHABITANTS OF PORTUGUESE-CREATED "ALDEAMENTOS". FRELIMO HAS NOT YET ORGANIZED ANY RETURN OF REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED MOZAMBIQUE REFUGEE SITUATION WITH

DR. HUGO IDOYAGA, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE FOR TANZANIA, WHO RECENTLY HAD MOZAMBIQUE ADDED TO HIS TERRITORY, AND WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE TO EVALUATE THE REFUGEE SITUATION AND PREPARE AN EMERGENCY REFUGEE PROGRAM.

3. STATISTICS: OUTSIDE MOZAMBIQUE THERE REMAIN 52,000 REFUGEES IN TANZANIA IN FIVE SETTLEMENTS ALONG THE RUVUMA RIVER, PLUS A (ROUGHLY) ESTIMATED 20,000 LIVING OUTSIDE THESE SETTLEMENTS. THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE FRELIMO PERSONNEL. SOME 7,000 REFUGEES REMAIN IN ZAMBIA, 3,000 IN SETTLEMENTS AND AN ESTIMATED 3,000-4,000 OUTSIDE SETTLEMENTS. THERE ARE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER IN MALAWI.

4. ABOUT 40,000 REFUGEES HAVE ALREADY RETURNED TO MOZAMBIQUE, AND ARE THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF UNHCR AT THE MOMENT. THEY INCLUDE SOME 21,000 RETURNED FROM MALAWI, 15,000 FROM TANZANIA (FROM OUTSIDE THE SETTLEMENTS), 7,000 FROM RHODESIA, AND 3,000 FROM ZAMBIA. IN ADDITION THERE ARE 36,000 MALAWIAN REFUGEES (JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES), AND 400 RHODESIAN REFUGEES INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE. MALAWIANS ARE A BIT OF A PROBLEM, AS FRELIMO (NOTE: LIKE PORTUGUESE BEFORE IT) DOES NOT LIKE TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEM; FORTUNATELY, THEIR SETTLEMENTS ARE PROSPERING AND THEY NEED LITTLE HELP AT THIS TIME.

5. FINALLY, THERE ARE 1,000,000 OR MORE MOZAMBIKANS LIVING IN APPROXIMATELY 1,000 "ALDEAMENTOS" (STRATEGIC VILLAGES) CREATED BY THE PORTUGUESE IN THE NORTHERN WAR AREAS. THESE ARE GOING TO REQUIRE CASE BY CASE DECISIONS AS TO WHETHER THEIR POPULATIONS SHOULD REMAIN OR BE RESETTLED AGAIN ELSEWHERE, AND UNHCR RECOGNIZES THAT ITS ROLE WILL HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO A SUPPORTIVE ONE FOR THE TIME BEING.

6. UNHCR PLANS: PLANS ARE NOW BEING DRAWN UP FOR AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO OPERATE A SPECIAL PROGRAM IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOZAMBIQUE AT A COST OF SOMEWHERE AROUND \$10,000,000, A FIGURE RATHER LESS THAN THE \$15-25,000,000 ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED. OF THIS, PERHAPS \$2 MILLION WILL BE FOR SEED FOR THE "ALDEAMENTOS", AND THE REMAINDER FOR AIDING AND RESETTLING THE REFUGEES WHO HAVE ALREADY RETURNED AND REPATRIATING THOSE STILL ABROAD.

7. IT IS GENERALLY EXPECTED THAT REPATRIATION OF

REFUGEES FROM TANZANIAN SETTLEMENTS WILL BEGIN AFTER THE NEXT HARVEST, THOUGH PRACTICAL QUESTIONS OF TRANSPORTATION, WHETHER REFUGEES WILL SELL THEIR HARVEST OR TAKE IT WITH THEM, ETC., HAVE NOT BEGUN TO BE FACED, AND FRELIMO HAS NOT YET FOCUSED SERIOUSLY ON THE PROBLEM. THREE OF THE CAMPS SHELTER REFUGEES FROM THE NIASA DISTRICT AND TWO HAVE MAKONDES FROM CABO DELGADO. IT IS NOT AT ALL CLEAR, HOWEVER, HOW MANY OF THESE REFUGEES WANT TO RETURN; PERHAPS AT LEAST HALF WILL WANT TO STAY, AS THEY ARE DOING WELL, AND SO FAR BOTH FRELIMO AND TANGOV ARE WILLING TO LET THEM.

8. RETURNING TO MOZAMBIQUE: ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS OF REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED TO MOZAMBIQUE ON THEIR OWN, ALMOST NONE HAVE DONE SO THROUGH UNHCR AUSPICES, AS FRELIMO MUST GIVE ITS APPROVAL AND HAS SO FAR DONE SO ONLY FOR A HANDFUL OF CASES (MOSTLY FAMILIES OF FRELIMO OFFICIALS) INITIATED BY ITSELF. SINCE UNHCR HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO GO THROUGH FRELIMO WHEN REQUEST IS MADE FOR REPATRIATION AID, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF CANDIDATES ASKED FOR SUBSISTENCE AID AND USED MONEY TO REPATRIATE THEMSELVES WITHOUT UNHCR INVOLVEMENT.  
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